

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

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REPORT

Date June 27, 1937

Subject N. V. Stenin

Made by D.S.I. Prokofiev

Forwarded by J. Coyne G.S.I.

With reference to the endorsement of D.C. (Special Branch) on the attached crime diary (Central 1387/37), enquiries show that Nicolas Vassilievitch STENIN, is a Russian who was born on 14-2-1898 in Perm district, Russia. A former soldier of the "White" Russian army in Siberia, he is reported to have left the U.S.S.R. for Manchuria in 1923. In October, 1930 he arrived in Shanghai and has since been residing in this city.

Here he was unable to secure any fixed employment and was practically destitute.

He did not come to the notice of this office in connection with the activities of various political groups of local Russian emigres.

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Хулиганство русского белогвардейца

Вчера, в 7.20 утра опустившийся русский белогвардеец, Николай Стенин, 46 лет, подошел к конторе (Сэчуань род № 640) местного отделения «Интурист» и ударом левого плеча разбил окно-витрину, в которой были выставлены фотографии и наглядная карта Транссибирского сообщения. Затем он ударил ногой в окно, при этом порезав себе ногу.

Находящийся недалеко на посту полицейский немедленно арестовал его за хулиганство и отправил на полицейскую станцию. Суд над хулиганом состоится сегодня. Разбитая витрина была застрахована в 225 долларов. Страховая компания встанет на новое стекло.

HOOLIGANISM OF A RUSSIAN WHITEGUARDIST

At 7.20 a.m. yesterday Nicolas STENIN, a destitute Russian Whiteguardist broke a window glass of the local office of the INTOURIST, 640 Szechuen Road, where photographs and an illustrated map of the Trans-Siberian route were displayed. He then kicked at the window and by doing so cut his leg.

A constable on duty in the vicinity immediately arrested the hooligan and took him to station. The broken window was insured for \$ 225. The Insurance Co replaced the broken glass.

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The Shanghai Evening Post & Mercury, Thursday, June 24, 1937

**White Russian Hits
Intourist Window;
Value Set At \$200**

Nicolas V. Stenin, 46, is one of those Russian exiles residing in Shanghai who can't resist throwing stones at buildings which in any manner are connected with the Soviet Union, so when he passed the USSR Intourist Travel Agency located in the Navy Y.M.C.A. building at 640 Szechuen Road at 7:20 o'clock this morning it was only natural that he break a window. A Chinese police constable was on hand, however, and took Stenin into custody.

Detective Sub-Inspector Ovalanikoff has been put in charge of the case, his duty being to find what the motive was and where the gain was to come in for Mr. Stenin. The window is valued at \$200, Mr. A. Seregin, manager of the company, stated this morning. The accused, unemployed occasional resident of the Salvation Army home, is reported to be ill and this probably soured his disposition considerably.

to S. I. Brokofsky

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CHINA PRESS, FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 1937

Brick Hurlled At Intourist Office Here

Russian Vents Anti-
Soviet Splice By
Glass-Breaking

**WILL CONFRONT
COURT TODAY**

**Stenin Causes Damage
Worth About \$200
At Red Agency**

Nicolas V. Stenin, Russian, age 46, stood at the corner of Seachuen and Hongkong Roads yesterday and gave expression to his hatred of the U.S.S.R. by throwing a brick through a plate glass window of Intourist, official Soviet travel agency.

The window was worth about \$200 and it is doubtful whether that amount of money can be collected from Nicolas. A regular customer at the Salvation Army Hostel on Amoy Road, he had only a few cents in his pocket when nabbed.

When he hurled the brick, a Chinese police constable was standing only a few yards away. Stenin, according to the officer, made no effort to get away and submitted peacefully to arrest.

The man was taken to the Central Police Station and turned over to Detective Sub-Inspector Ovsiannikov. Questioned, the fellow is stated to have admitted that he was slightly intoxicated at the time. He added that when he passed the Intourist office, he couldn't resist the temptation to break the window.

He will be brought before the First District Court; the Intourist office was charged with assessing material damage.

to S.I. Prokofiev.
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THE SHANGHAI TIMES, FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 1937

RUSSIAN HELD FOR BREAKING WINDOW

**"White" Alleged To Be
Demented; Intourist
Window Valued \$200**

An allegedly slightly demented unemployed "White" Russian was arrested early yesterday morning by a Chinese constable, on Szechuen Road, near Hongkong Road, after having broken the large window glass of Messrs. Intourist, the Soviet Travel Agency in the Navy Y.M.C.A. building.

The accused, Nicolai Steain, 46-year-old unemployed Russian, was taken into custody by the constable at 7.20 a.m. immediately after he broke the large window, valued at \$200. He was immediately taken to the Central Police Station and there, upon being questioned gave several different versions of how he came to break the window.

Apparently not one of those "White" Russians who make it a habit to stone the Soviet Consulate in order to show their disapproval of the government, Steain is believed to be slightly demented. He gave several different versions of the occurrence, one of them being that he was chased by two men and accidentally ran into and broke the glass. He also stated that he accidentally kicked the window. Detectives believe the man is slightly demented and will charge him with mischief in the First District Court this morning.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.


CRIME DIARY.

Crime Register No. **1387/37.**

"A" Division.
Central Police Station.
June 24th, 1937.

Diary Number 1.	(Sheet No. 1.)	Nature of Offence:— 61. (Mischief)
Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day	8a.m.-8.50a.m. 8.50a.m.-9.15a.m. 10.25a.m.-11a.m. 24-6-37.	Places visited in course of investigation each day.
		General Hospital. 640 Szechuen Road. Office.

RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

Place or description of premises.	Intourist Travel Agency of U.S.S.R., 640 Szechuen Rd.	
Time and date of offence.	About 7.20p.m. 24-6-37.	
" " " reported.	7.40a.m. 24-6-37.	
Name, occupation and address of complainant.	State Tourist Co. of U.S.S.R. Reps- Mr. A. Seregin, Manager, of the Local Branch of "Intourist" 640 Szechuen Road.	
Number of criminals with full individual description.	<p><u>One arrested & charged.</u></p> <p>X Nicolas V. Stenin, 46 years of age, Russian, unemployed, N.F.A.</p>	
Arrests.	One.	
Classification of property stolen.	Nil.	Value \$
Classification of property recovered.	Nil.	Value \$
<p>In cases of Murder or Suspected Murder points (a) to (d) should be answered.</p> <p>(a) Time and date body was discovered. (b) Position, appearance and marks on body. (c) Apparent cause of death. (d) Motive if known.</p>	<p>- Any record Sp. Br. ?</p> <p></p>	
<p>Full Details of Method used in Committing offence.</p> <p>In cases of Larceny, housebreaking etc., all the points (a) to (i) should be answered, if known. In all cases in which there is fraud, the false pretence and the character assumed by the suspect should be fully described.</p> <p>(e) Mode of entry, including manner of approach to premises. (f) Means used (tools etc.) (g) Character assumed by criminal, and story told, etc. (h) Mode of transport and description. (i) Peculiar act (poisoning dog, paralyzing of food etc.)</p>	<p>The accused who is evidently suffering from some nervous and mental disease, broke a pane of glass in a window of the Intourist, State Tourist Coy. of U.S.S.R.</p> <p><i>Further</i> <i>JHR</i> <i>25/6</i> <i>25/6</i> <i>to S. Prokofiev</i></p>	

CRIME DIARY NO. 1. (SHEET NO. 2)

- (j) What staff employed on premises?
- (k) Are they all "old" servants?
- (l) If not, what was their last employment and for how long?
- (m) What was their "characters"?
- (n) If any suspicion attached to any of them and if so, which one and for what reason?
- (o) Are old servants suspected?
- (p) Are friends and visitors above suspicion if not, who is suspected?

Remarks

(Any outstanding or peculiar feature to be commented on by investigating officer).

At 7.40a.m. on June 24th, C.P.C. 2967 brought to the station a Russian named Nicolas V. Stenin, 46 years of age, single, unemployed, N.F.A., whom he arrested outside 640 Szechuen Road for breaking a pane of glass in a window of the local branch of "Intourist" State Tourist Coy. of U.S.S.R., 640 Szechuen Road. C.P.C. 2967 reported to the station that at about 7.20a.m. on the same date, he noticed the accused when the latter threw his body against a pane of glass in the window of the local branch of "Intourist" Soviet Travel Agency, 640 Szechuen Road and hit the glass with his left shoulder, and broke the same. When the man was brought to the Station and questioned, he appeared to be excited and suffering from some mental disease. In view of the above, he was sent to the General Hospital where on being examined by Dr. Chambers, he was found to be suffering from acute psychosis, Confusional state and incised wound of the right leg. On return to the station, the accused was questioned by the undersigned regarding the offense but he could not explain satisfactory his intention in committing the said offense. He stated that being afraid of someone always chasing him in the streets of Shanghai with intent to kill, he decided to force the Police to arrest and lock him for some offence and thereby give him protection from the unknown enemy.

With this aim in his mind, the accused broke the pane of glass in the window of Intourist Soviet Agency as stated above.

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CRIME DIARY.

CRIME REGISTER No:— 1387/37 Central.

Division.

Police Station.

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Diary Number:— 1/Sheet 3.

Nature of Offence:—

Time at which
investigation begun
and concluded each day.

Places
visited in
course of
investigation
each day.

RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

From careful inquiries made it does not appear that the accused purposely contacted the Soviet State Organisation for committing his offence. There is no doubt that the man is crazy and needs medical attention.

As this offence was committed by a white Russian against the Soviet State Organisation and therefore is considered by managers of the Intourist as a political offence, the accused is charged and will appear before the S.S.D. Court on June 28th.

The Intourist of State Tourist Coy. of U.S.S.R. is a commercial organisation and in view of the above, the accused is charged with Mischief Cont. to Art. 354 of C.C.C.

The S.S.D. Court will be informed that the accused is suffering from mental disease and application will be made for his admission to Mental Hospital in Ninghong.

The glass is insured but details of insurance is at present unknown.

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D. S. I.

D.D.O. "A".

Tsang Kyung Sung.

Kompo

C.D.C. 208.

Central Stn.

24-6-37

Tsang Kyung Sung, aged 43 years, native of Kompo, M/public ricscha coolie, residing at 654 Teepon Road, states as follows:-

At about 7.30a.m. 24-6-37, whilst parking my ricscha on Szechuen Road near Hongkong Road, I saw a Russian walking in southerly direction and appearing to be intoxicated. When nearing the premises at 640 Szechuen Road I observed his left shoulder knocking against the show window of the said premises which resulted in breaking the window glass. Shortly afterwards the Russian fell to the ground and on the arrival of Police he was taken to the station.

Sgd:- Tsang Kyung Sung.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Tsang Kyung Sung', with a date '24/6/37' written below it.